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BEIRUT PASS BAGHDAD; STATE PASS CAIRO; KUWAIT PASS DOHA,  
MUSCAT; LONDON FOR LAMBRACKIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, PFOR, XA

SUBJECT: SAUDI OIL PRODUCTION LIKELY TO RISE

DRAMATICALLY FOLLOWING A PEACE SETTLEMENT

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REF: A) JIDDA 5099; B) STATE 226914 (NOTAL)

1. DURING A CALL ON MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS SAQQAF NOV 19, AMBASSADOR MENTIONED WE HAD RECENTLY SEEN AN AFP REPORT IMPLYING THAT EVEN AFTER A PEACE SETTLEMENT SAG WOULD NOT RESUME PRODUCTION AT OLD LEVELS OR INCREASE IT TO LEVELS NEEDED BY EXPANDING WORLD CONSUMPTION.

2. SAQQAF REPLIED THAT AMBASSADOR'S QUESTION WAS TIMELY, SINCE HE HAD ALSO HEARD THE SAME REPORTS AND ACCORDINGLY HAD JUST COMPLETED A DETAILED REVIEW OF MINUTES OF SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH KING FAISAL. HE RECALLED THAT KING FAISAL HAD TOLD THE SECRETARY THAT WHEN POLITICAL PROBLEMS BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND SAUDI ARABIA HAD BEEN RESOLVED, HE LOOKED FORWARD NOT ONLY TO RESUMING OIL EXPORTS TO U.S. BUT DOING SO IN CONSIDERABLY EXPANDED VOLUME. (SAQQAF THEN SAID THAT THE HIGHER OIL COUNCIL HAD RECENTLY DECIDED THAT WHEN RESTRICTIONS ON PRODUCTION WERE REMOVED, PRODUCTION WOULD QUICKLY RISE BACK TO SEPTEMBER 1973 LEVEL OF APPROXIMATELY 9 MILLION BBLS/DAY FROM EXISTING FIELD. TO THIS THERE COULD BE ADDED ADDITIONAL PRODUCTION FROM ALL NEW DISCOVERIES AS THEY OCCURRED IN VARIOUS CONCESSION AREAS. SAQQAF SAID THIS POSITION OF HIGHER PETROLEUM COUNCIL HAD NOT YET BEEN COMMUNICATED TO KING.)

3. SAQQAF CAUTIONED AGAINST GIVING TOO MUCH CREDENCE TO APPARENTLY CONFLICTING REPORTS COMING OUT OF SAUDI ARABIA REGARDING SAUDI OIL INDUSTRY. BECAUSE OF KING'S OPERATING STYLE, EVEN MINISTERS MIGHT BE UNAWARE OF SOME IMPORTANT POSITIONS THAT HAD BEEN TAKEN ON SUCH MATTERS AS PETROLEUM BY INNER CIRCLE OF ROYAL ADVISORS.  
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED CAIRO.

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